fot expension of capacity and foreign collaboration for manufacture of colour picture tubes was not accepted by the Government of India. Mls. APEDC represented against the decision of the Government. Meanwhile the proposed collaborator of Mls. APEDC namely, M/s. Philips, Holland have withdrawn their oifer of collaboration with M/s. APEDC and terminated all its past arrangements for technology transfer for manufacture of colour picture tubes. M/s. APEDC's application for approval of capita} goods for Colour Picture Tubes project was not considered in view of non-settlement of foreign collaboration for technical know-how.

Site for Establishment of Instrumented Missile.Test Range at Baliapal

2549. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA:

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the report of the Committee appointed by Government to find a suitable site for establishment of instrumented Missile Test Range for testing rockets and missile;

(b) whethtr it i_s a fact that during the Janta regime, BALIAPAL in Orissa wa> selected as the best site for the purpose;

(c) whether any othr sites were being taken i»to consideration at that point of time; end

. (d) *if.* $_u$o, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The Committee recommemed Baliapal on Balasore coast in Orissa at the sit_e for setting up the National Vtvftge facility after a through study of the- various sites.

(b) fft»> Sir.

(c) \\», Sir.

(d) Various sites considered for setting up of National Range were SUNDERBAN in West Bengal^ Balasoe coastal area (Baliapal) in Orissa,'SATBHAYA in district Cuttack, Orissa, SURYALANKA/ BAPATLA, area near SHAR Centre i" Andhra Pradesh, KANYAKUMARI areas, DWARKA in Gujarat, DESERT areas in Rajasthan, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR and LAKSHADWEEP Islands.

Opposition *ot* Agin Launch by the Opposition Leader^ in Orissa

2550. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that some opposition leaders of Orissa had opposed the AGNI launched from the Interim Test Range at Chandipur in Orissa, believing AGNI be a nuclear weapon system;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is the exact nature of their complaint; f.nd

(c) what are the civil uses apart from the defence uses, which will benefit the peopl^ in general from this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L* BAITHA): (a) and (b) Opposition leaders had been agitating and pleading against the launching of AGNI mainly on grounds of human safety, environmental pollution, effect on ecology, emission of semi poisonous gases, and above all the fear of unknown. Doubts had also been expressed regarding the deterrent effect on AGNI if it was not to caitfy a nuclear war-head.

(c) The civilian space and the defence missile programmes are progressing undet^ two separate departments with objectives set for each. There may be some spin offs from the technologies proved under the missile programme for civil applications and the benefit of general public.